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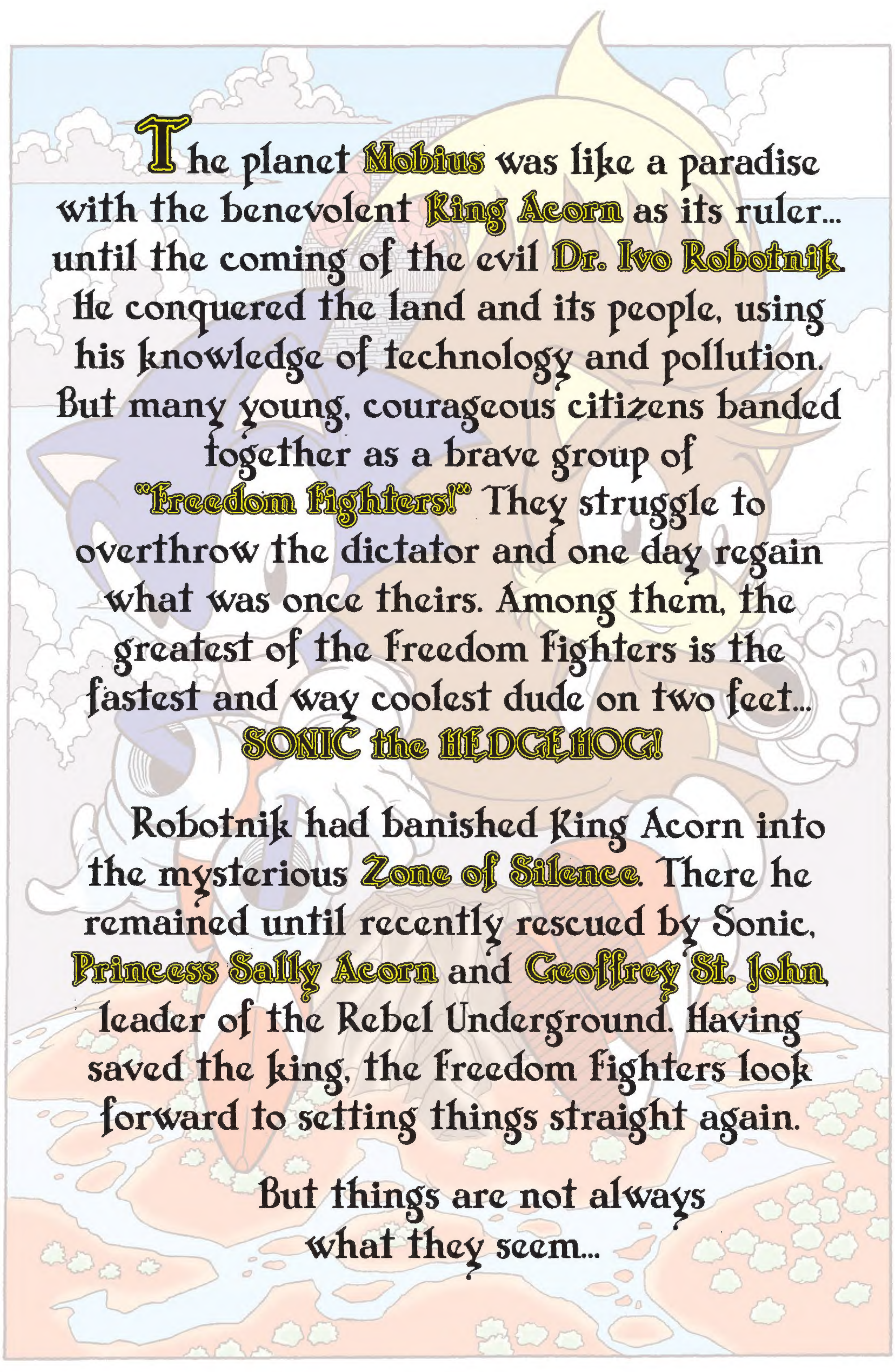
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THE DEATH EGGSAGA™



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The background of the page features a stylized illustration. At the top, a large, bright yellow sun with a face is partially obscured by white, fluffy clouds. Below the sun, a blue sky transitions into a landscape. In the foreground, there's a body of water with small, green, star-shaped plants. In the background, a large, brown, anthropomorphic hedgehog (King Acorn) is visible, looking towards the left. He has a crown-like structure on his head. To his left, a smaller, blue and white hedgehog (Sonic the Hedgehog) is also visible, looking towards the right. The overall style is reminiscent of classic Sonic the Hedgehog comic book art.

The planet **Mobius** was like a paradise with the benevolent **King Acorn** as its ruler... until the coming of the evil **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of **"Freedom Fighters!"** They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet...
SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Robotnik had banished King Acorn into the mysterious **Zone of Silence**. There he remained until recently rescued by Sonic, **Princess Sally Acorn** and **Geoffrey St. John**, leader of the Rebel Underground. Having saved the king, the Freedom Fighters look forward to setting things straight again.

But things are not always what they seem...

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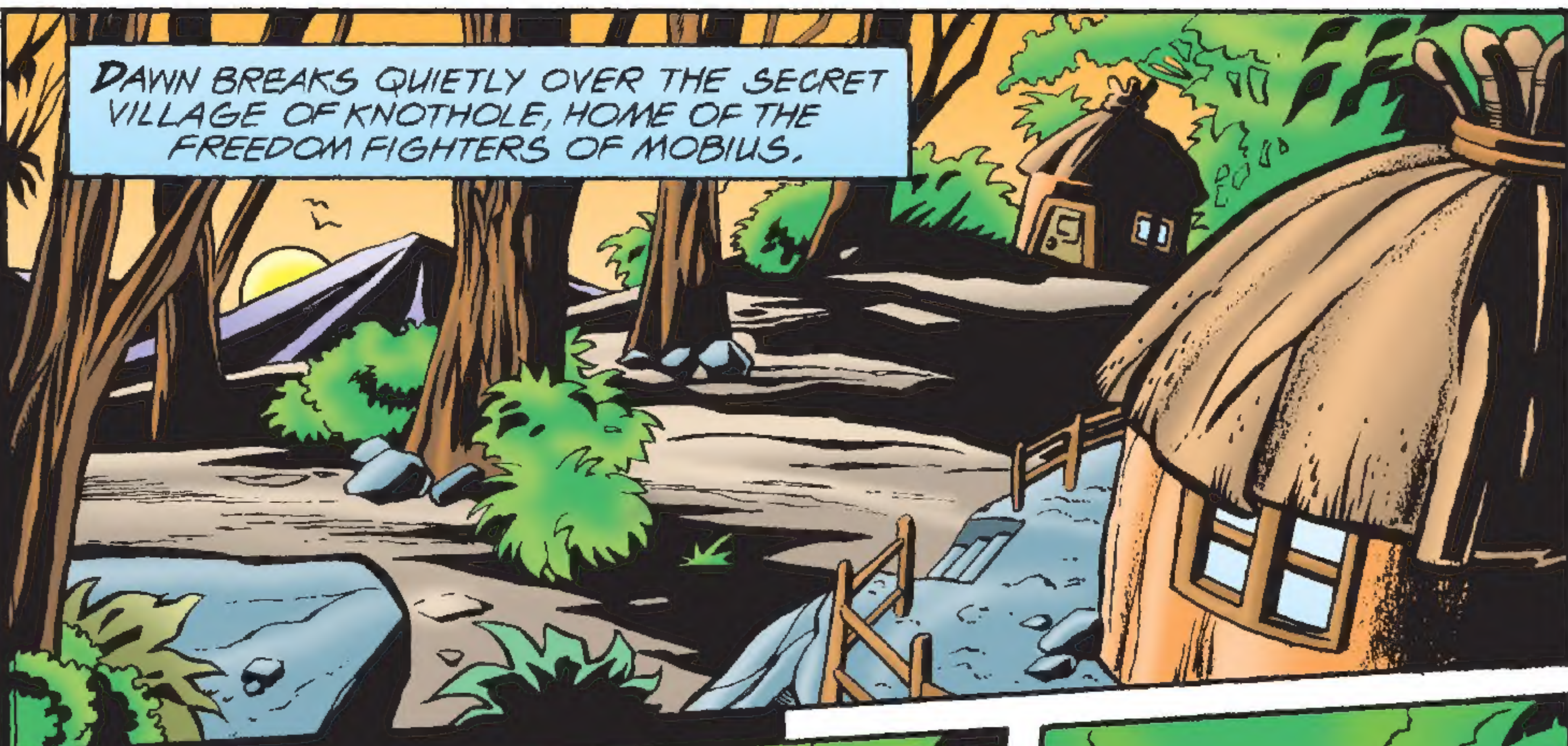
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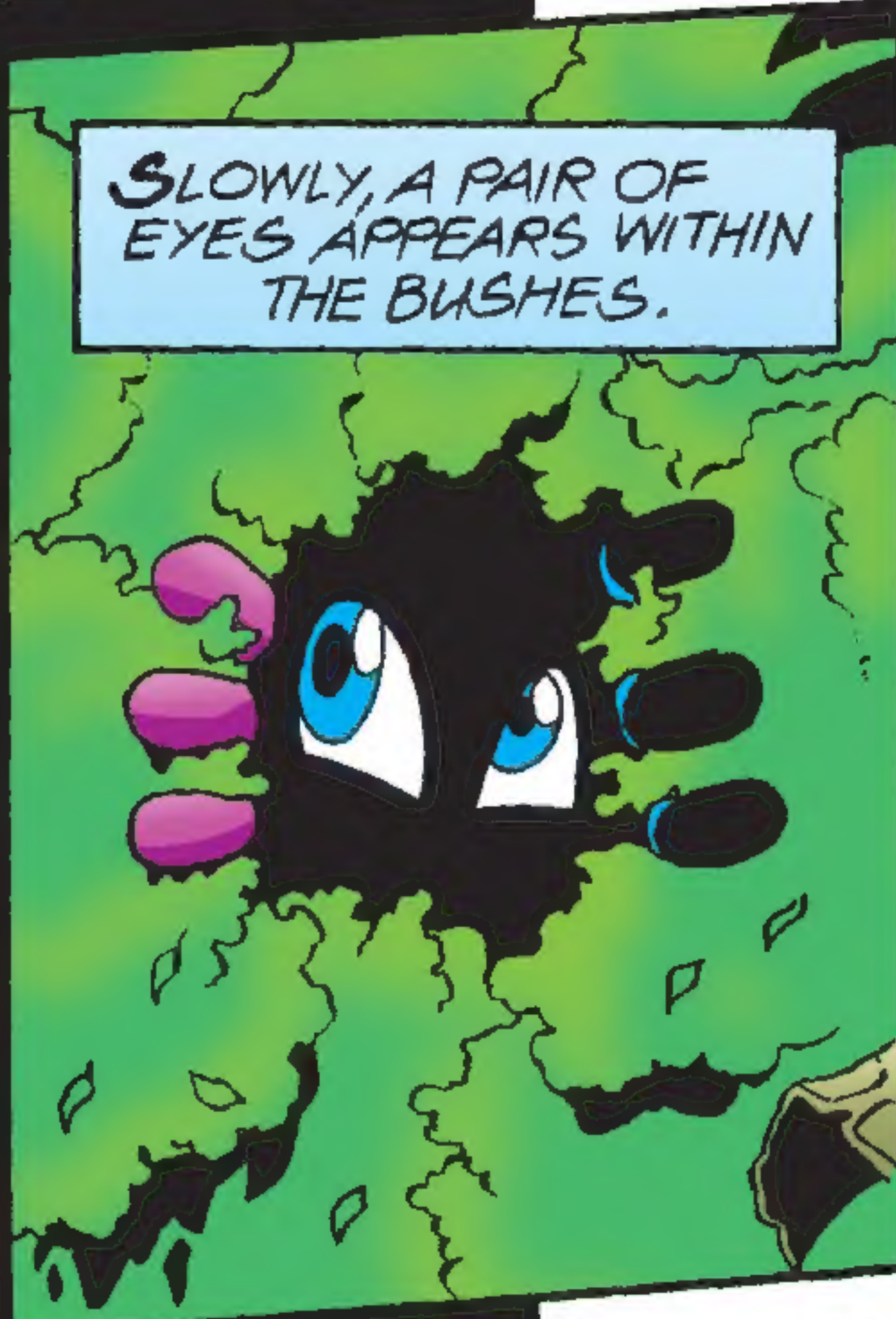
DAWN BREAKS QUIETLY OVER THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, HOME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOBIUS.



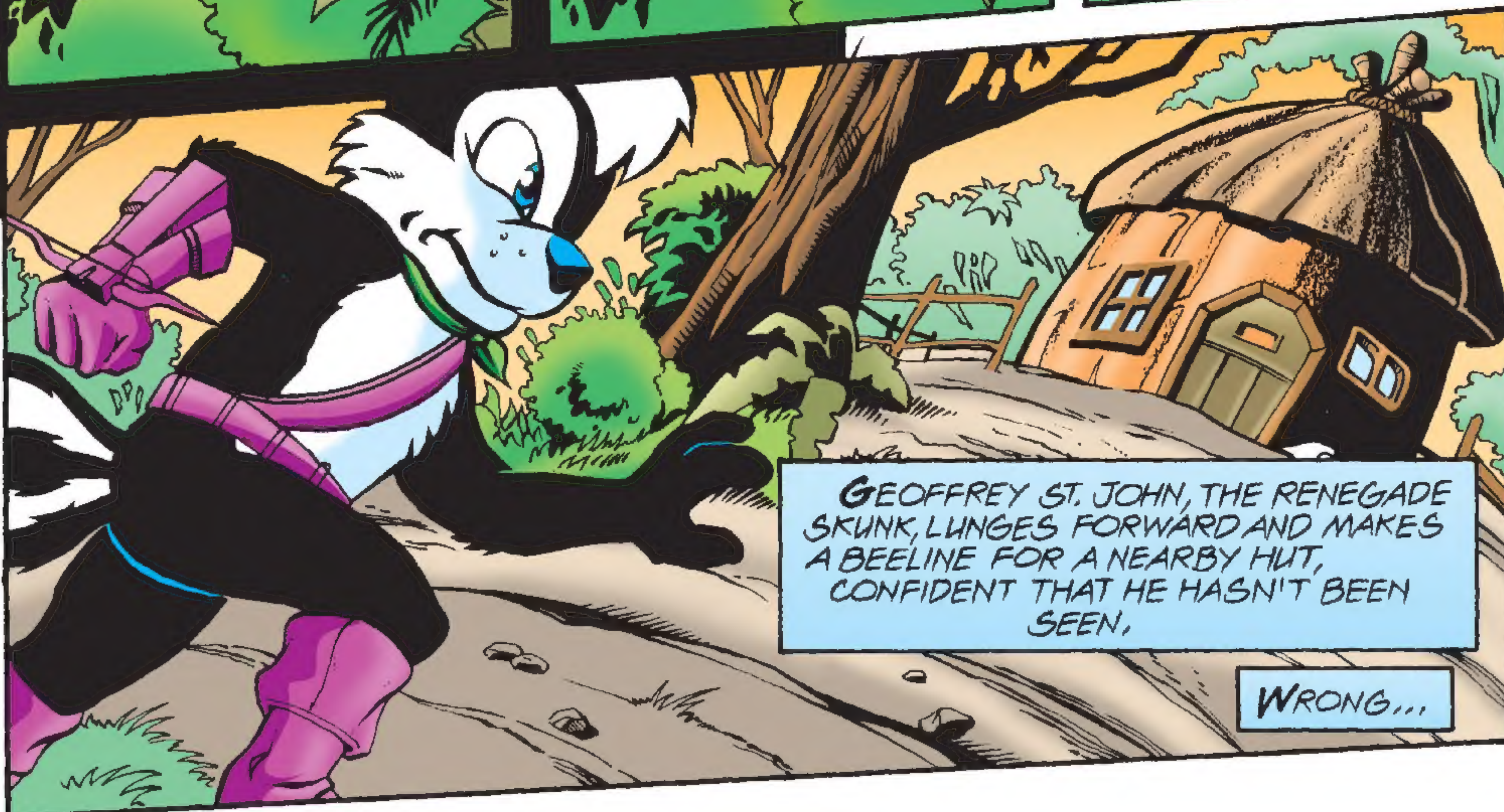
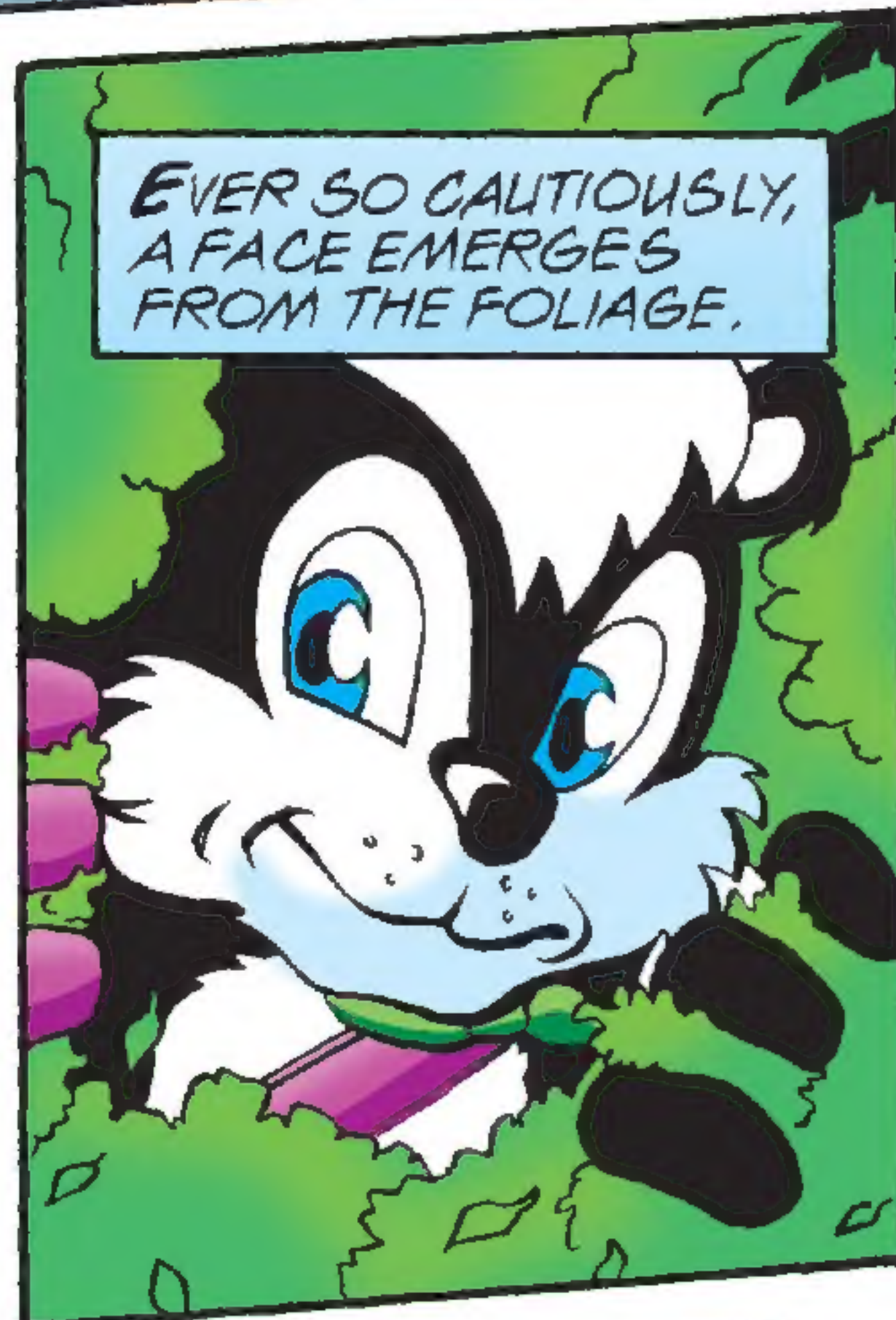
ONLY A FAINT RUSTLING OF LEAVES INTERRUPTS THE MORNING CALM.



SLOWLY, A PAIR OF EYES APPEARS WITHIN THE BUSHES.



EVER SO CAUTIOUSLY, A FACE EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.



GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE RENEGADE SKUNK, LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR A NEARBY HUT, CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN.

WRONG...



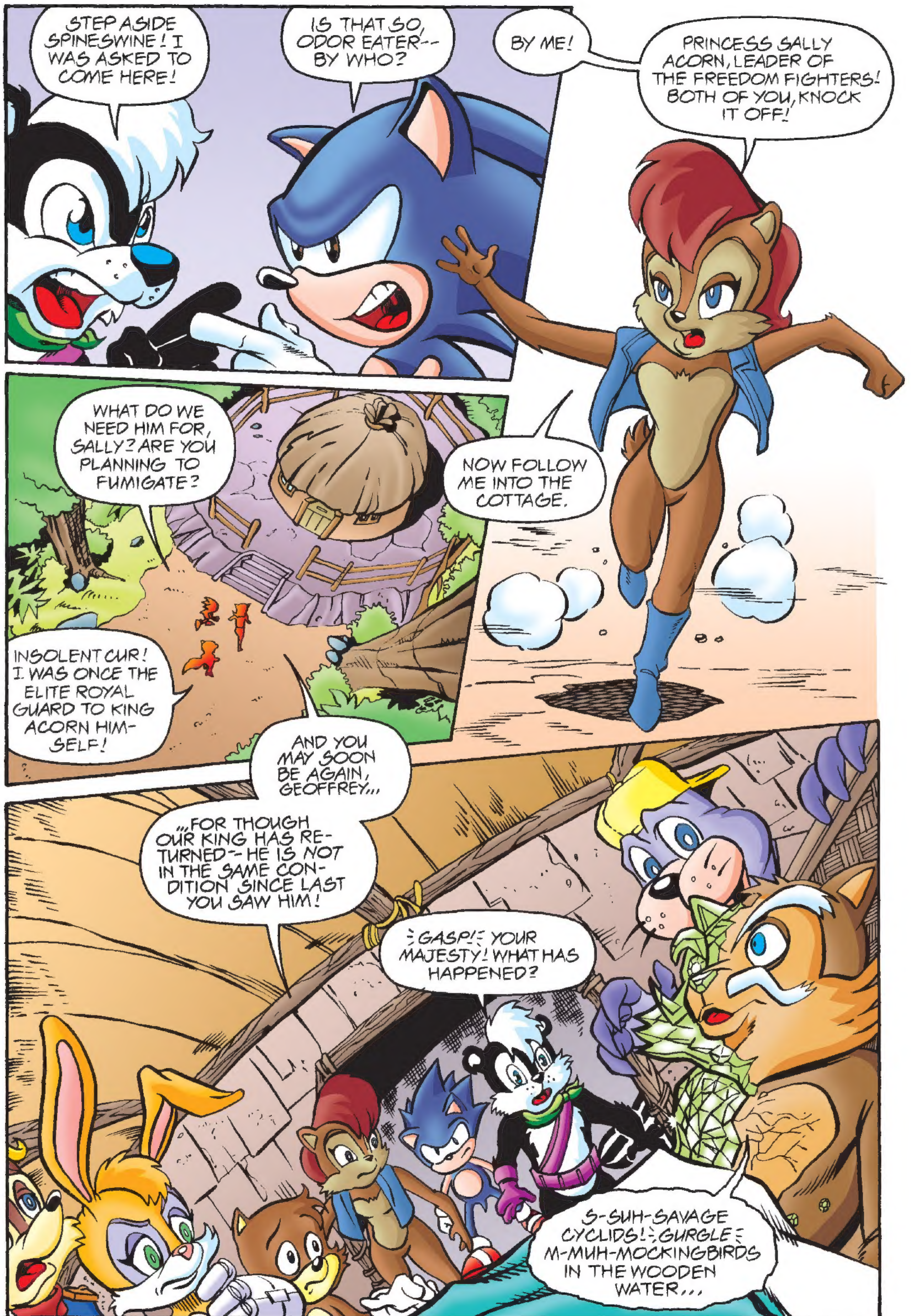
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THE
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GOING
SOMEWHERE
UNAUTHORIZED,
STINKPOT?

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BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED
& UNWORFED



STEP ASIDE SPINESWINE! I WAS ASKED TO COME HERE!

IS THAT SO, ODOR EATER-- BY WHO?

BY ME!

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! BOTH OF YOU, KNOCK IT OFF!

WHAT DO WE NEED HIM FOR, SALLY? ARE YOU PLANNING TO FUMIGATE?

NOW FOLLOW ME INTO THE COTTAGE.


INSOLENT CUR! I WAS ONCE THE ELITE ROYAL GUARD TO KING ACORN HIMSELF!

AND YOU MAY SOON BE AGAIN, GEOFFREY...

...FOR THOUGH OUR KING HAS RETURNED-- HE IS NOT IN THE SAME CONDITION SINCE LAST YOU SAW HIM!

GASP! YOUR MAJESTY! WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

S-SUH-SAVAGE CYCLIDS! GURGLE M-MUH-MOCKINGBIRDS IN THE WOODEN WATER...



OH, GEOFFREY!
SO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED AROUND
HERE, I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHERE TO
BEGIN...

"THE EVIL IVO ROBOTNIK
MANAGED TO ROBOTICIZE
OUR PREMIER FREEDOM
FIGHTER INTO MECHA-SONIC!

"MOST OF KNOTHOLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.
SONIC WAS COURT-MARTIALED, BUT EVENTUALLY
CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES. RECONSTRUCTION GOT
UNDER WAY.

"NOT LONG BEFORE THAT, A
VICIOUS EARTHQUAKE STRUCK
ROBOTROPOLIS DURING A RAID.
WE BARELY ESCAPED.

"AND ALL THIS BEFORE YOU, ME AND SONIC
RECOVERED MY FATHER KING ACORN FROM
THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHERE HE WAS
BEING HELD CAPTIVE!"*

"RECAPPING EVENTS FROM SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10+11 AND SONIC SELECT VOL. 2"

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE KING'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE. DR. QUACK WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY STABILIZE HIM BUT HE STILL REMEMBERS NOTHING! HE'S DIS-ORIENTED, DELUSIONAL AND STRANGEST OF ALL, HIS SKIN IS CRYSTALLIZING!

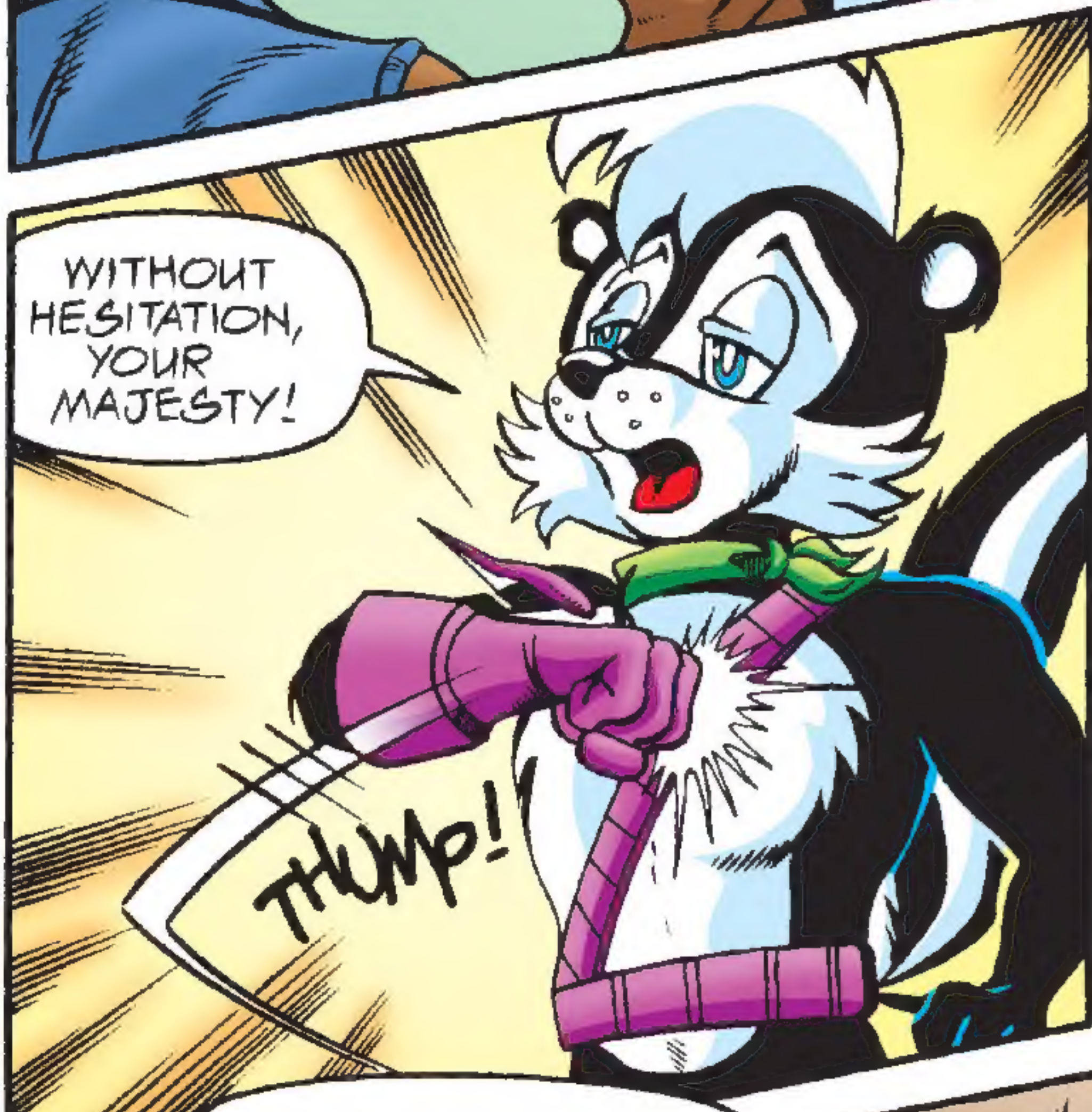
FOR THIS AND OTHER SECURITY REASONS, WE'VE NOT REVEALED HIS RETURN TO THE GENERAL POPULACE, WE CAN'T RISK PANIC. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, GEOFFREY.



WE NEED YOU TO GUARD THE KING AND MAINTAIN THIS SECRET. WILL YOU RE-ASSUME YOUR POSITION AS ELITE ROYAL GUARD WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH?



WITHOUT HESITATION, YOUR MAJESTY!



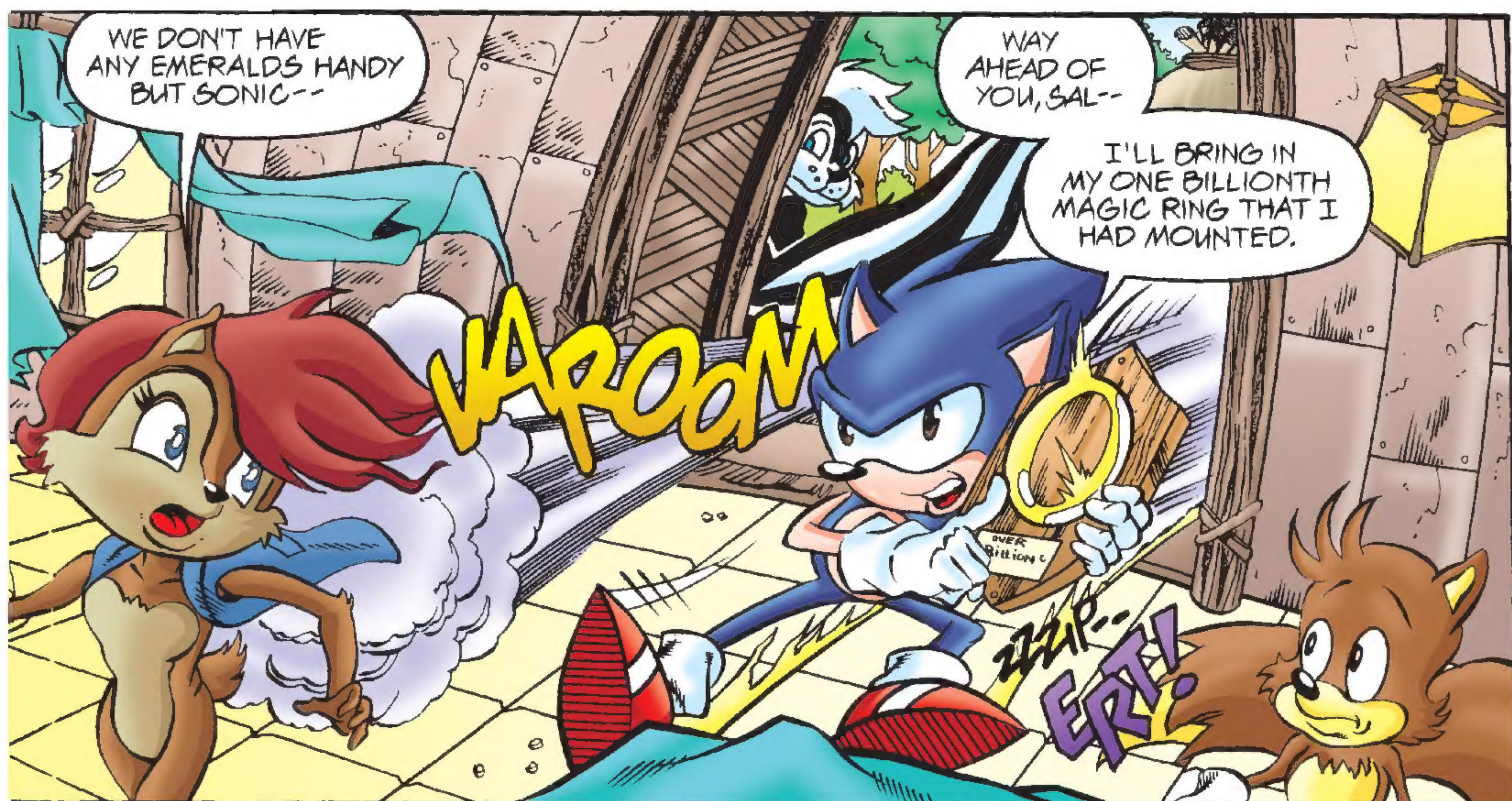
I SHALL POST MYSELF AT THE FRONT DOOR. NO ONE SHALL PASS, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.

COULD YOU SEAL OFF YOUR STENCH, TOO?

SONIC...





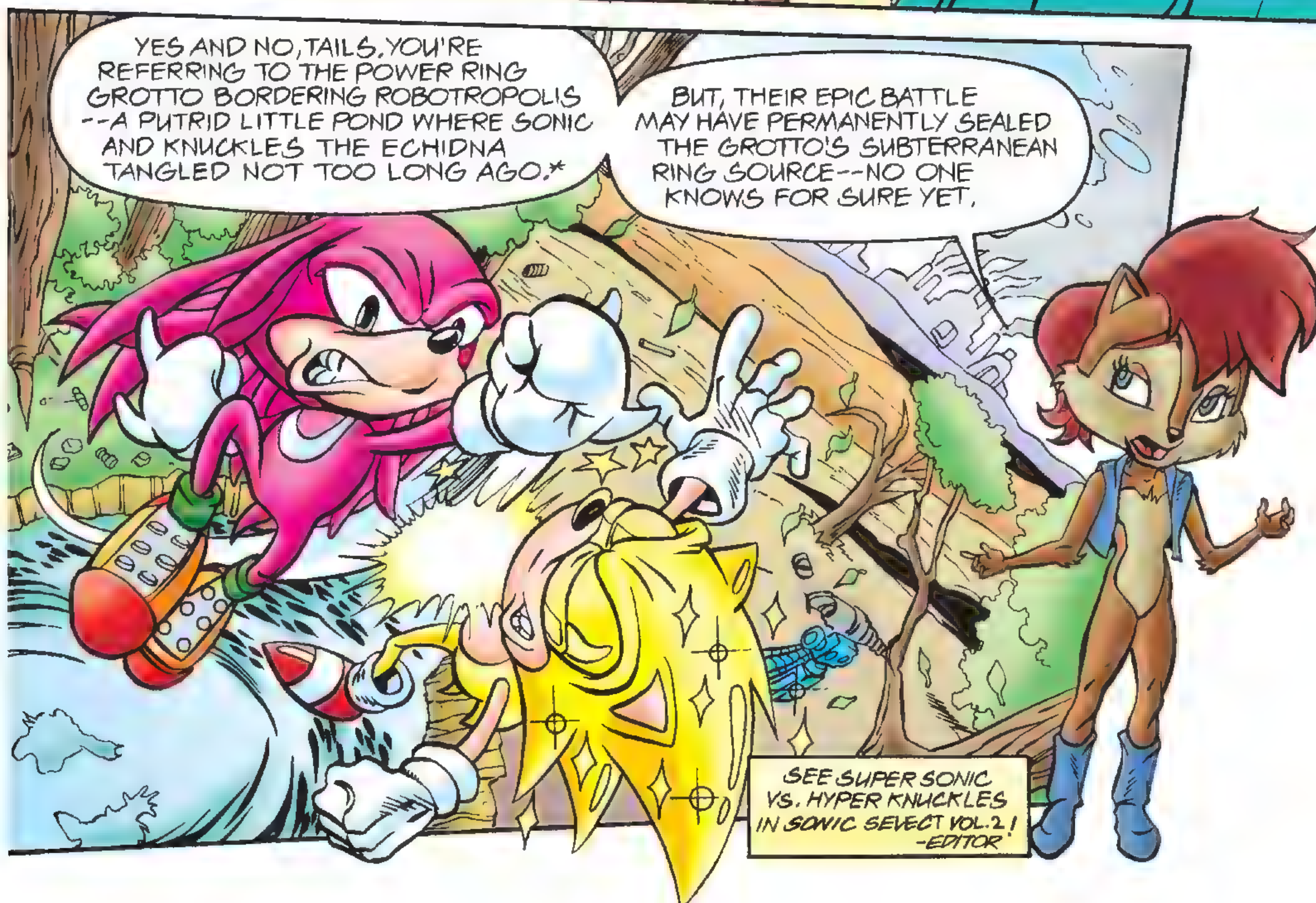




HOW ARE WE-ALL GONNA DO THAT? IT TAKES TIME TO SEARCH THOSE DANGEROUS ZONES AND COLLECT MAGIC RINGS! WE COULD WIND UP IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THE KING!

NOT NECESSARILY, BUNNIE. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE RINGS CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ENTERING A ZONE...

GOSH, SALLY! DO YOU MEAN THE "LAKE OF RINGS"? LEGENDS SAY THOSE WATERS BUBBLE WITH MYSTICAL GOLD BANDS!



YES AND NO, TAILS. YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE POWER RING GROTTO BORDERING ROBOTROPOLIS --A PUTRID LITTLE POND WHERE SONIC AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TANGLED NOT TOO LONG AGO.*

BUT, THEIR EPIC BATTLE MAY HAVE PERMANENTLY SEALED THE GROTTO'S SUBTERRANEAN RING SOURCE--NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET,

SEE SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC SEVECT VOL. 2!
-EDITOR

HOWEVER, THE TRUE LAKE OF RINGS WAS ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED WHEN WE BATTLED ROBOTNIK'S COMBOTS DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST.*

THE HIDDEN POND THAT SONIC DOVE INTO JUST BEFORE HE TEMPORARILY LOST HIS SUPER-SPEED POWERS WAS THE ONE THE LEGENDS SPEAK OF! BOTH AREAS MUST BE INVESTIGATED!

* SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10.
--EDITOR

I'M DIVIDING US INTO THREE GROUPS. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HEAD FOR THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE FOREST.

SHO' NUFF!

SONIC AND TAILS WILL EXPLORE THE RING GROTTO NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS,

RIGHTY-O!

YES, MA'AM!

ROTOR AND I WILL STAY HERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE KING COMFORTABLE.

MOVE OUT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EVIL ROBOTNIK IS UP TO!

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BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED PRINCE

PART 2

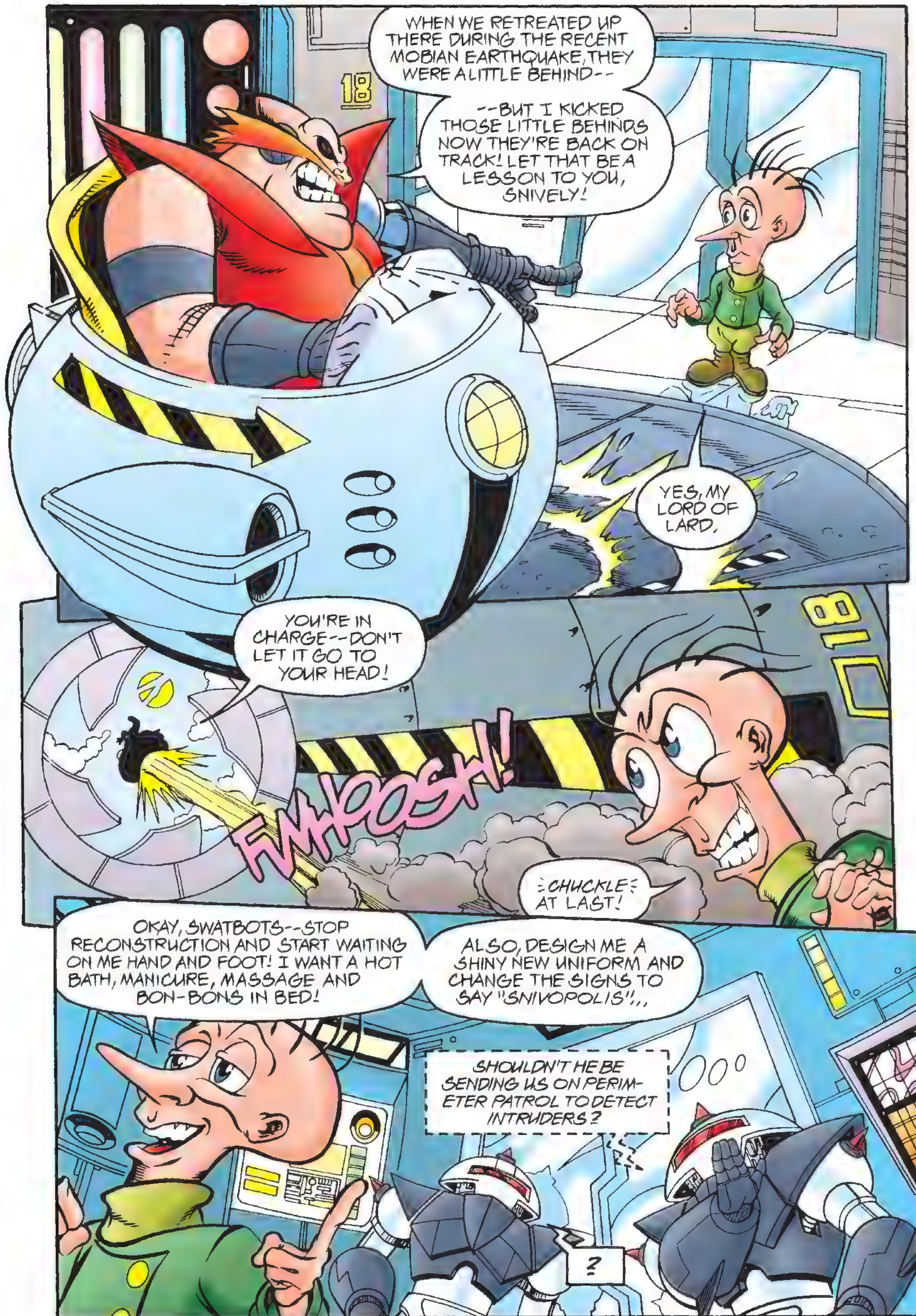
AT THAT
MOMENT...

SNIVELY! THE TIME HAS
COME FOR ME TO ASCEND!
I'M TURNING OVER THE RE-
BUILDING OF ROBOTROPOLIS
TO YOU... MAKE IT SO!

YES, YOUR
CORPULENCE!

BUT ARE
THEY READY
FOR YOU UP
ABOVE?

INDEED THEY ARE.
OBSERVE--WE'RE RIGHT
ON SCHEDULE. I WANT TO
BE THERE WHEN IT BECOMES
OPERATIONAL.



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WHEN WE RETREATED UP THERE DURING THE RECENT MOBIAN EARTHQUAKE, THEY WERE A LITTLE BEHIND--

--BUT I KICKED THOSE LITTLE BEHINDS NOW THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, SNIVELY!

YES, MY LORD OF LARD,

YOU'RE IN CHARGE--DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!

FN! POOSH!

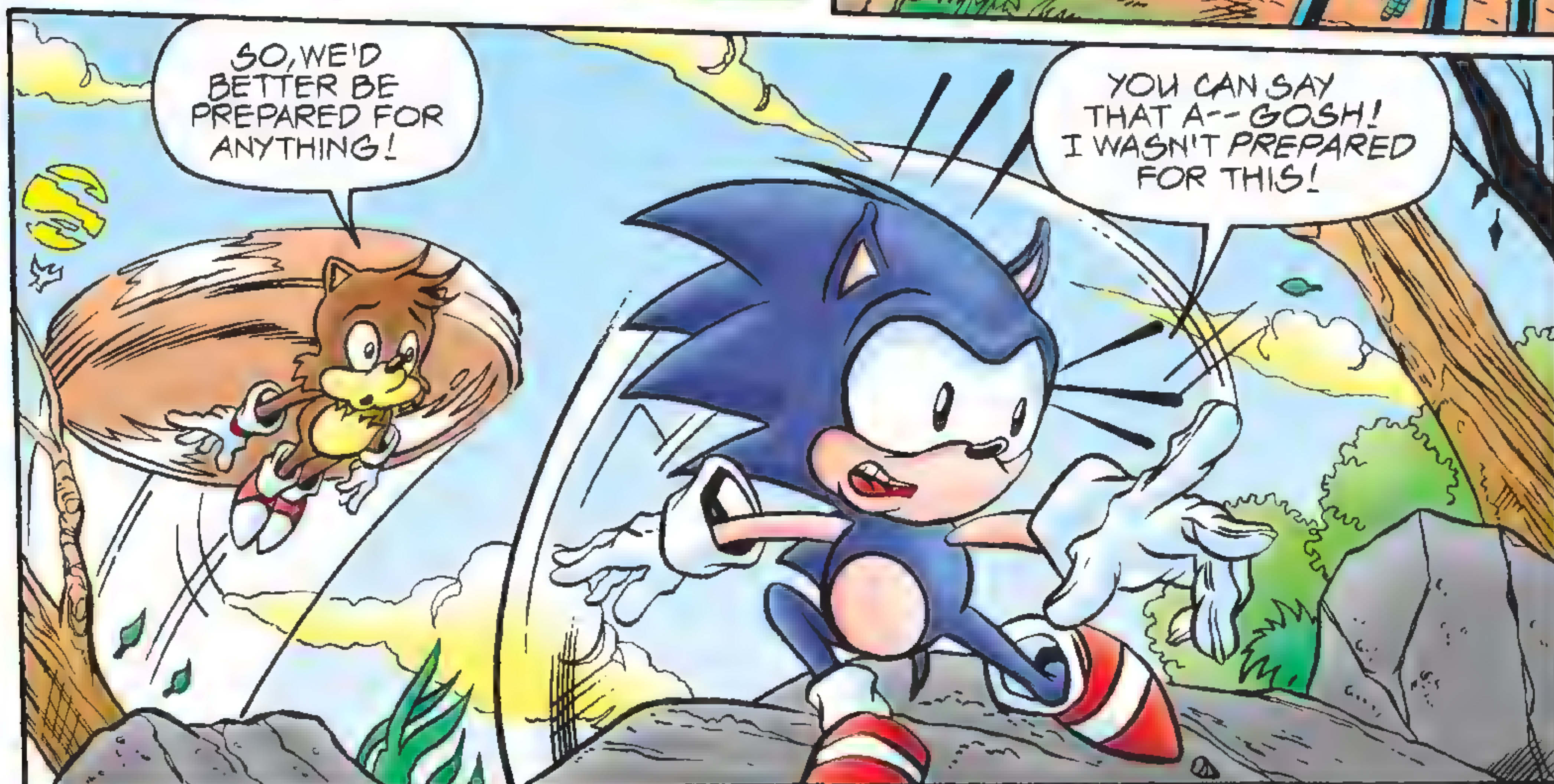
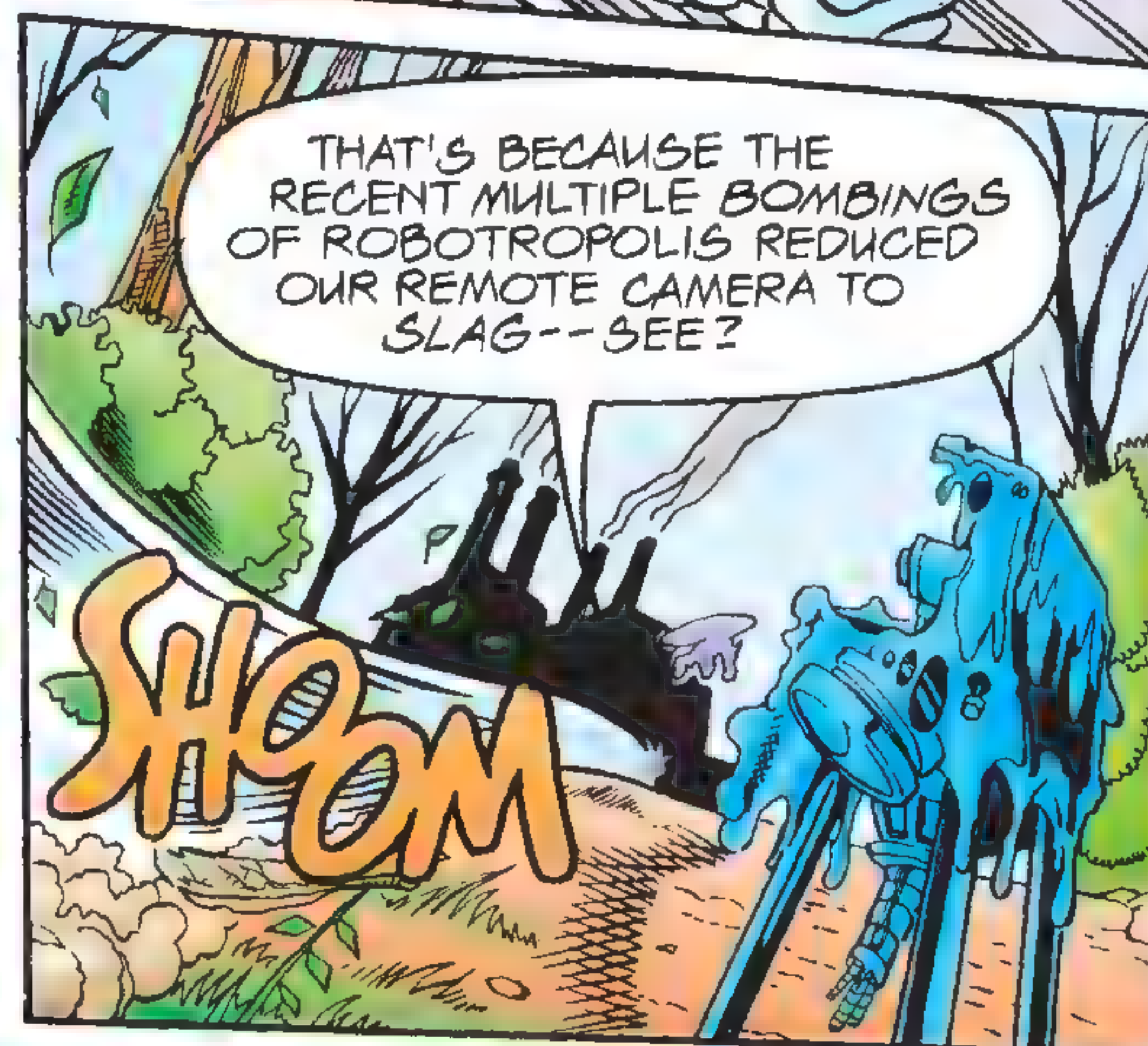
CHUCKLE AT LAST!

OKAY, SWATBOTS--STOP RECONSTRUCTION AND START WAITING ON ME HAND AND FOOT! I WANT A HOT BATH, MANICURE, MASSAGE AND BON-BONS IN BED!

ALSO, DESIGN ME A SHINY NEW UNIFORM AND CHANGE THE SIGNS TO SAY "SNIVOPOLIS",,

SHOULDN'T HE BE SENDING US ON PERIMETER PATROL TO DETECT INTRUDERS?

?



THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE GROTTO HAS BEEN SEALED UNDERNEATH A DOME OF IMPENETRABLE STEEL!

HOLY PEPPERONI!! WHEN AND HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

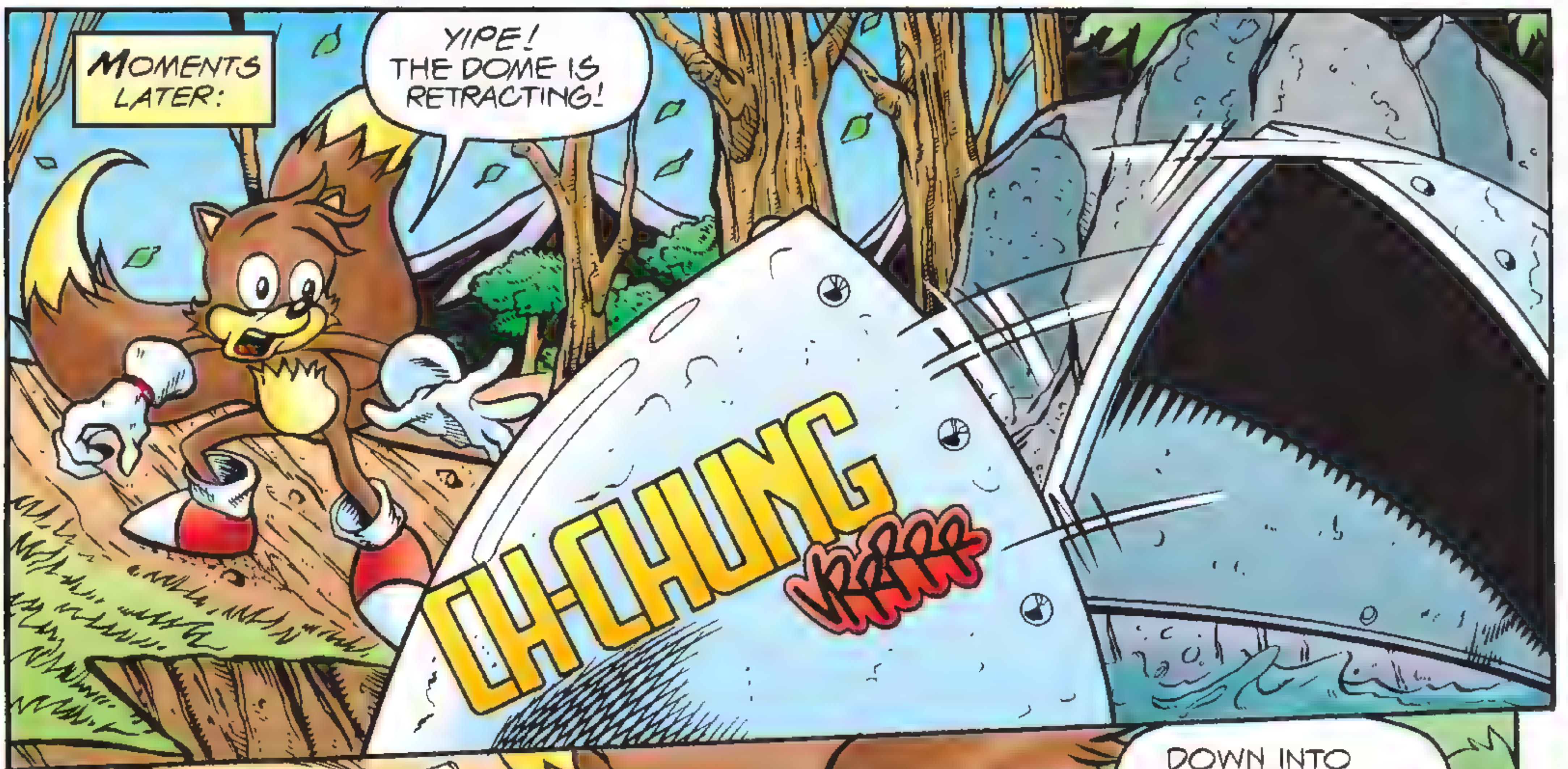
I DON'T KNOW, Hmmm-- BUT I DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT--

JUST WEST OF HERE, IN THE MOBIAN CLIFFS, LIVES A COLONY OF AIRBORNE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THEIR LEADER IS A BIG BRUISER OF A BIRD NAMED CARL CONDOR.

WHY DON'T I WAIT HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE DOME WHILE YOU CONTACT HIM?

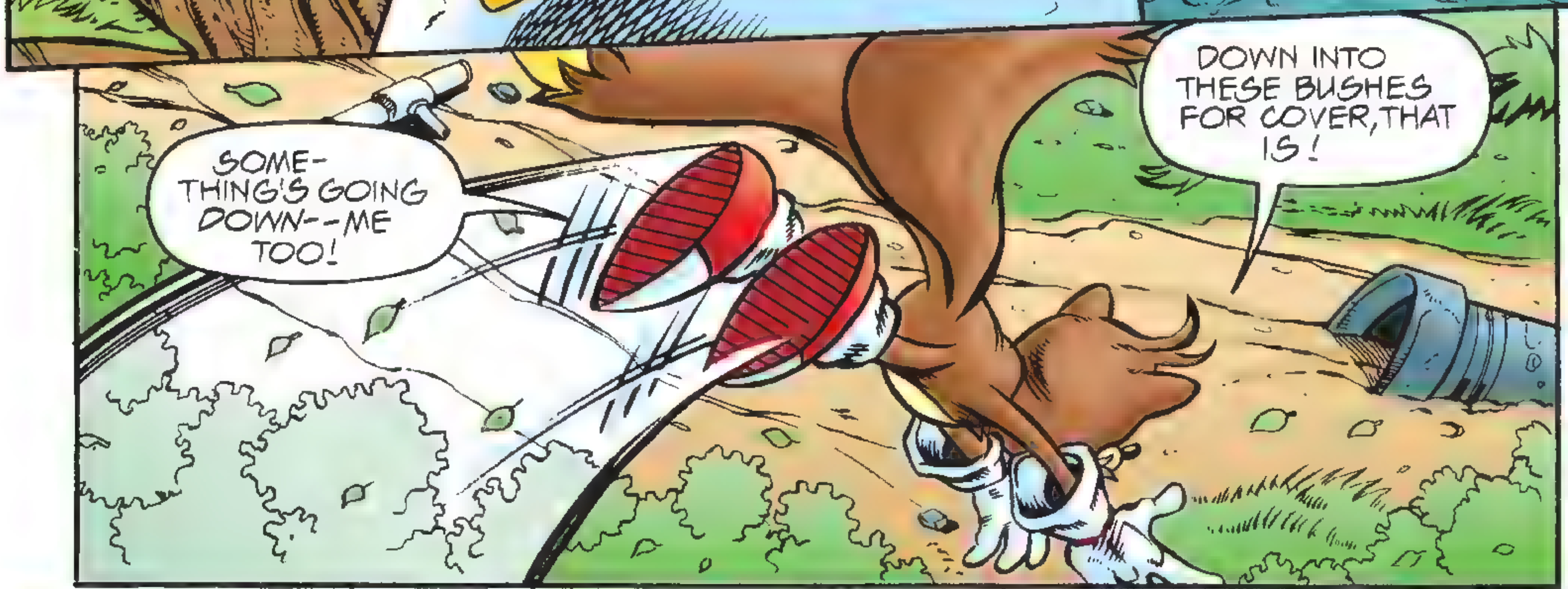
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH! I'LL BE BACK IN A **FLASH...** NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT INTENDED!

VIVA-VROOM!



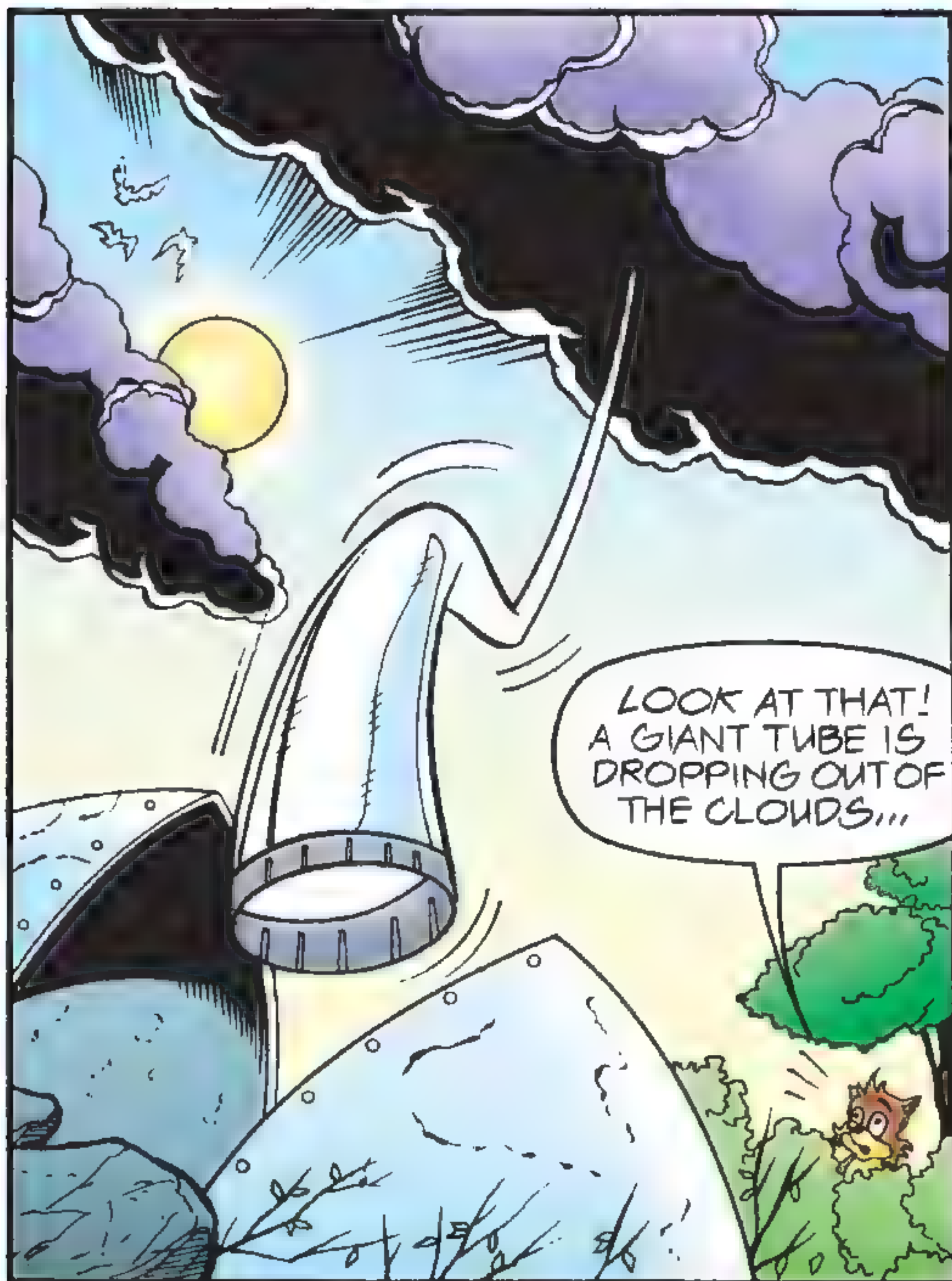
MOMENTS LATER:

YIPE!
THE DOME IS
RETRACTING!



SOME-
THING'S GOING
DOWN--ME
TOO!

DOWN INTO
THESE BUSHES
FOR COVER, THAT
IS!

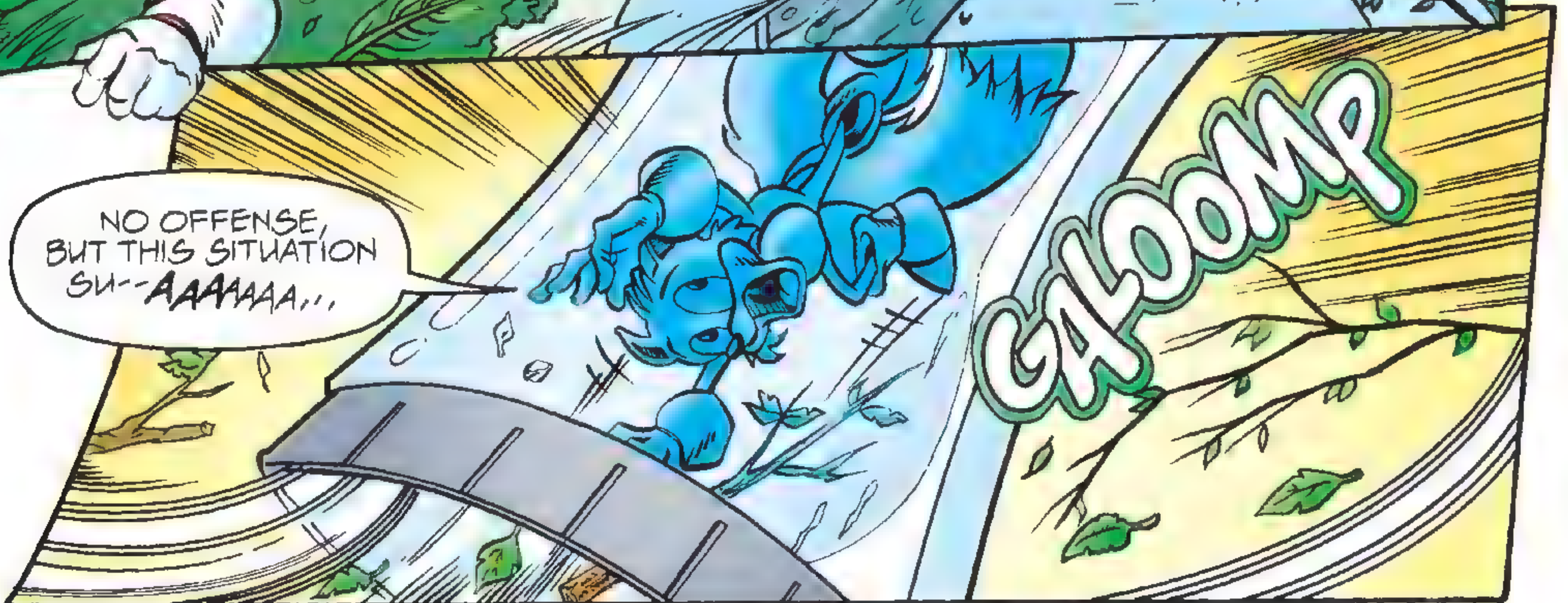
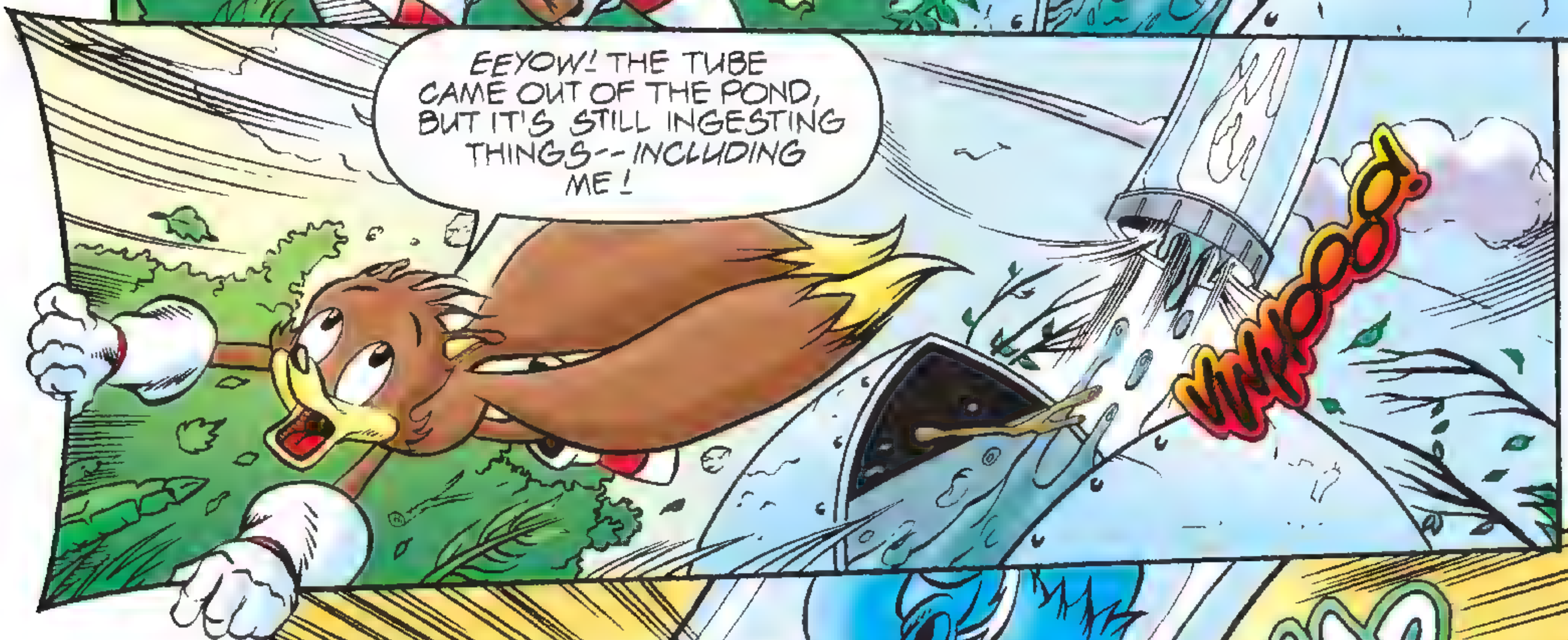
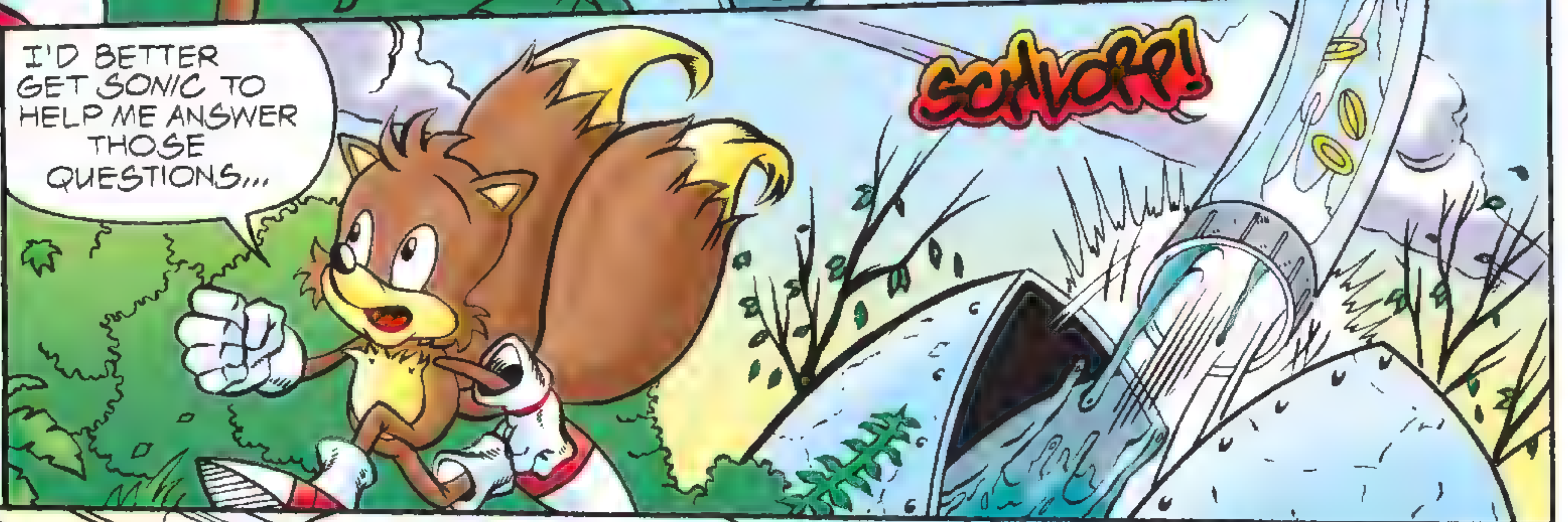
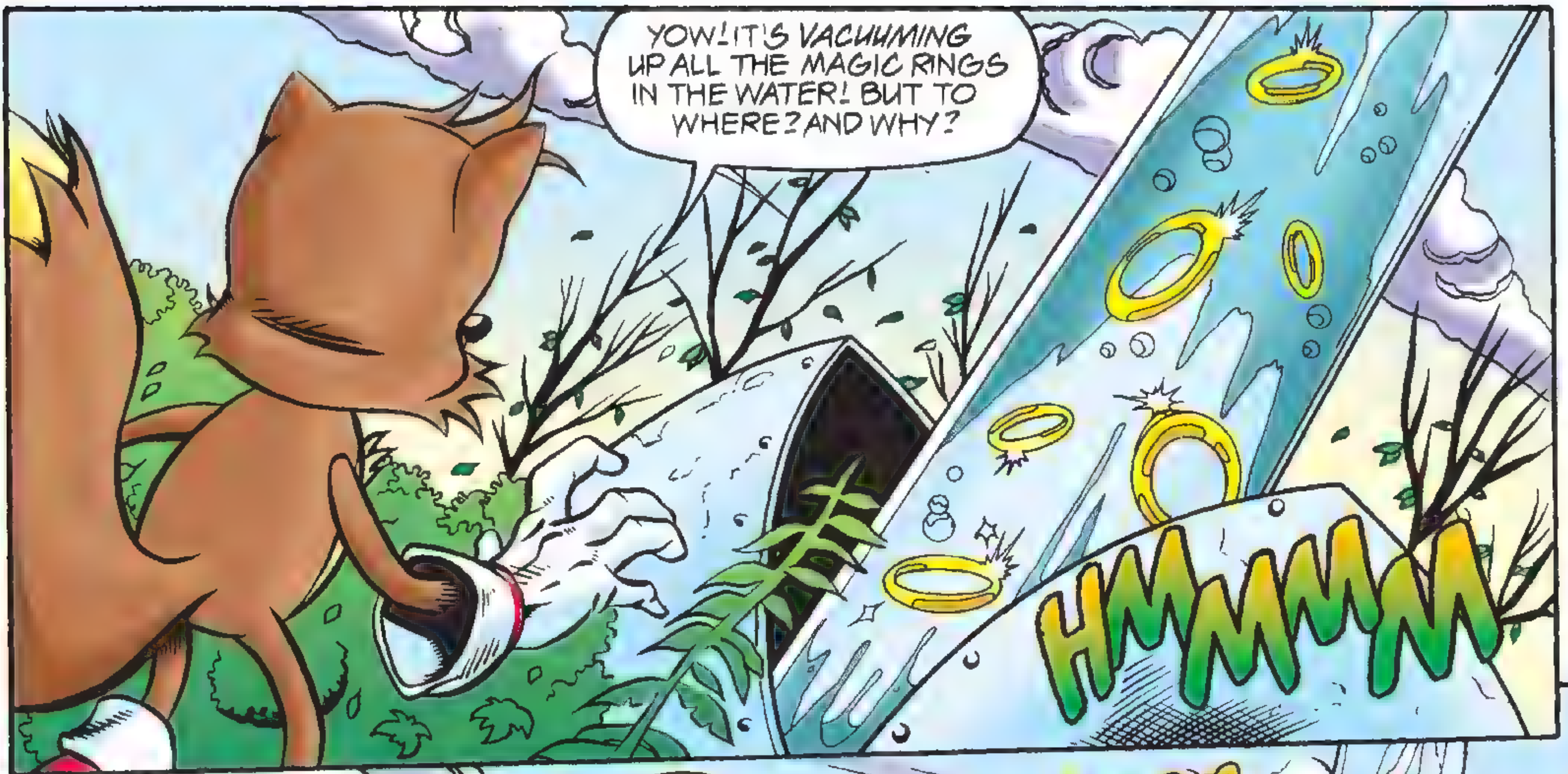


LOOK AT THAT!
A GIANT TUBE IS
DROPPING OUT OF
THE CLOUDS...



...AND IT'S
INSERTED ITSELF
INTO THE
GROTTO!

SKTOOSH



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THE DEATH EGG SAGA BOOK ONE SCRAMBLED REINVENTED

PART 3

MEANWHILE...

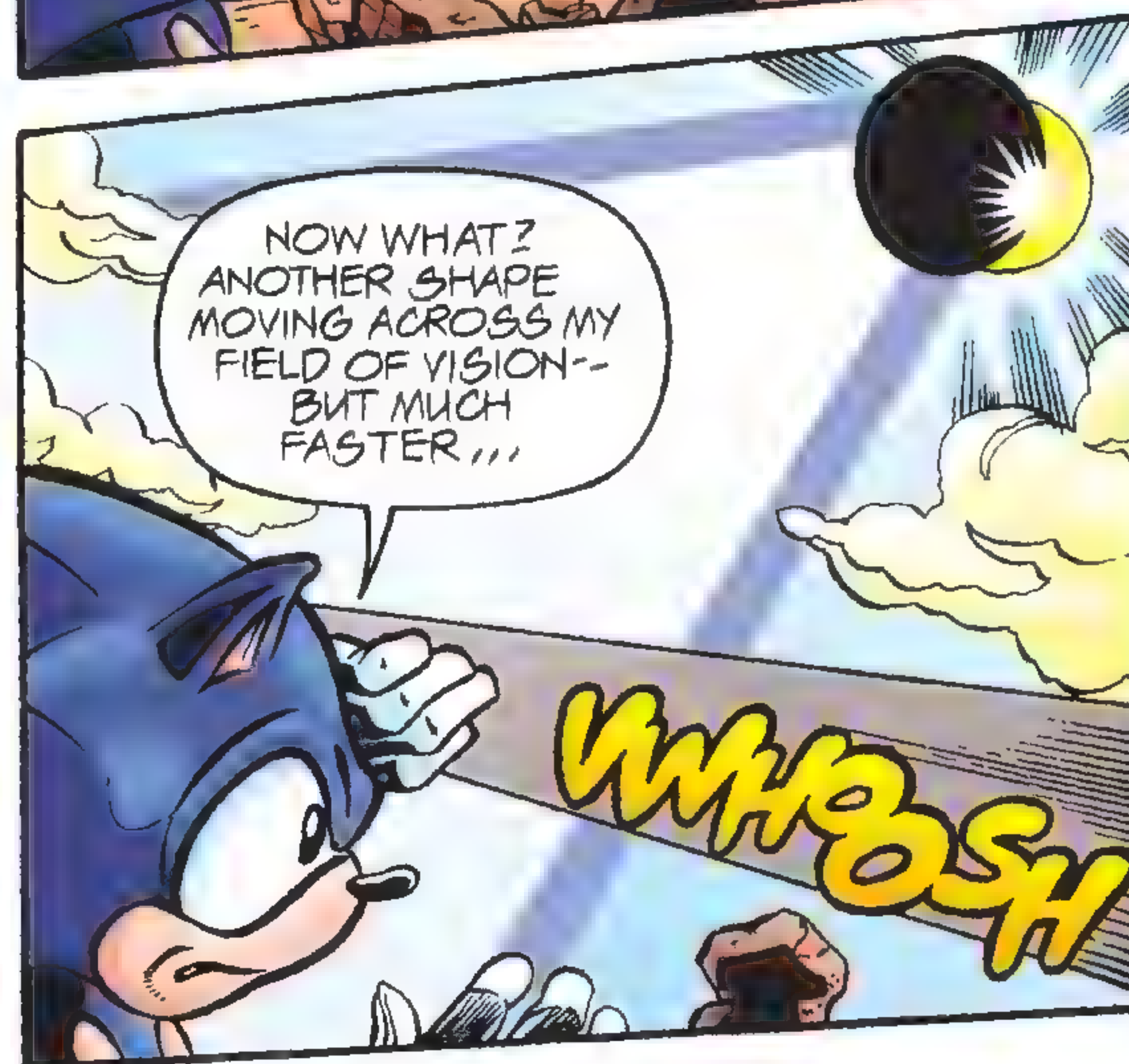
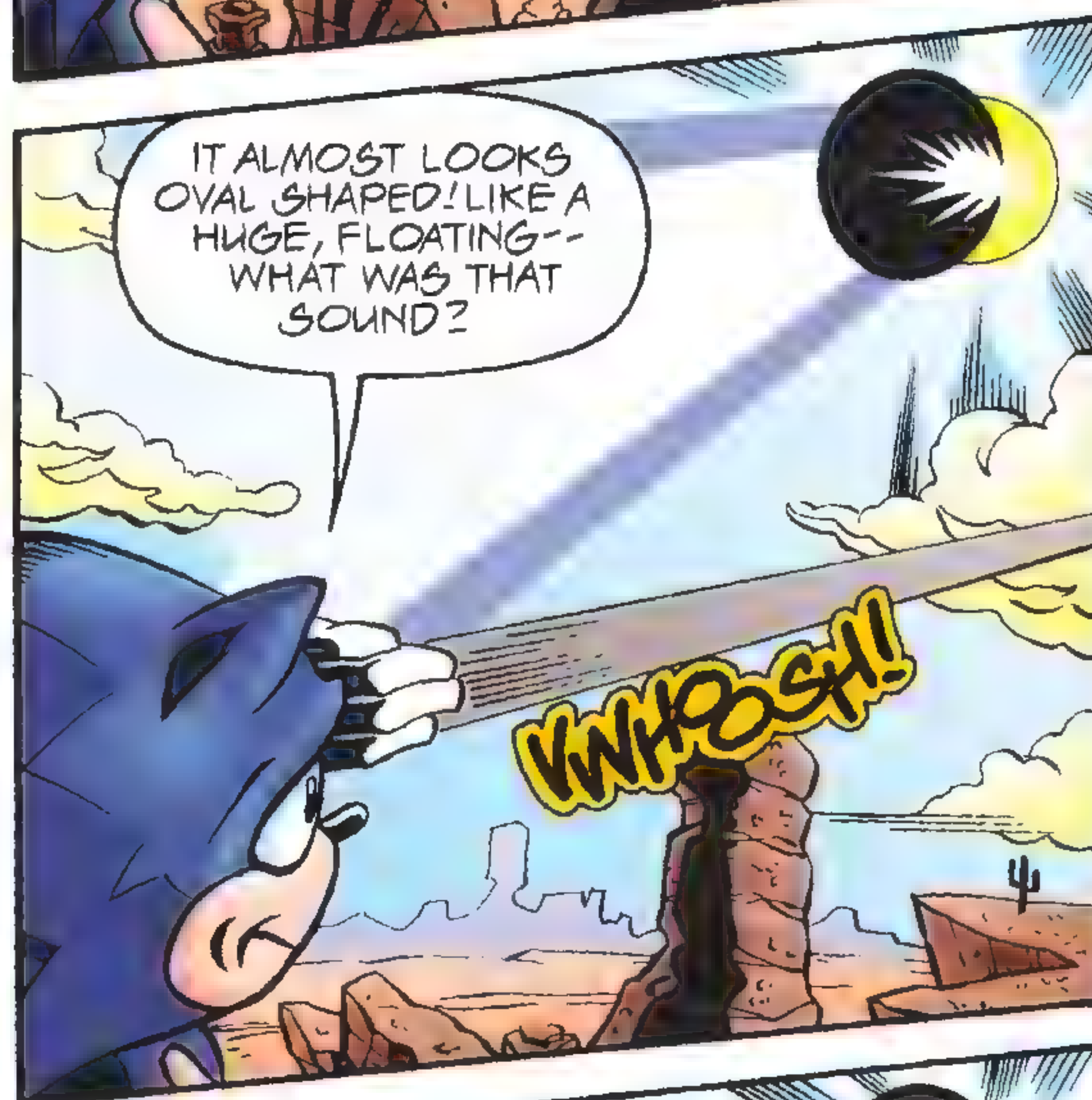
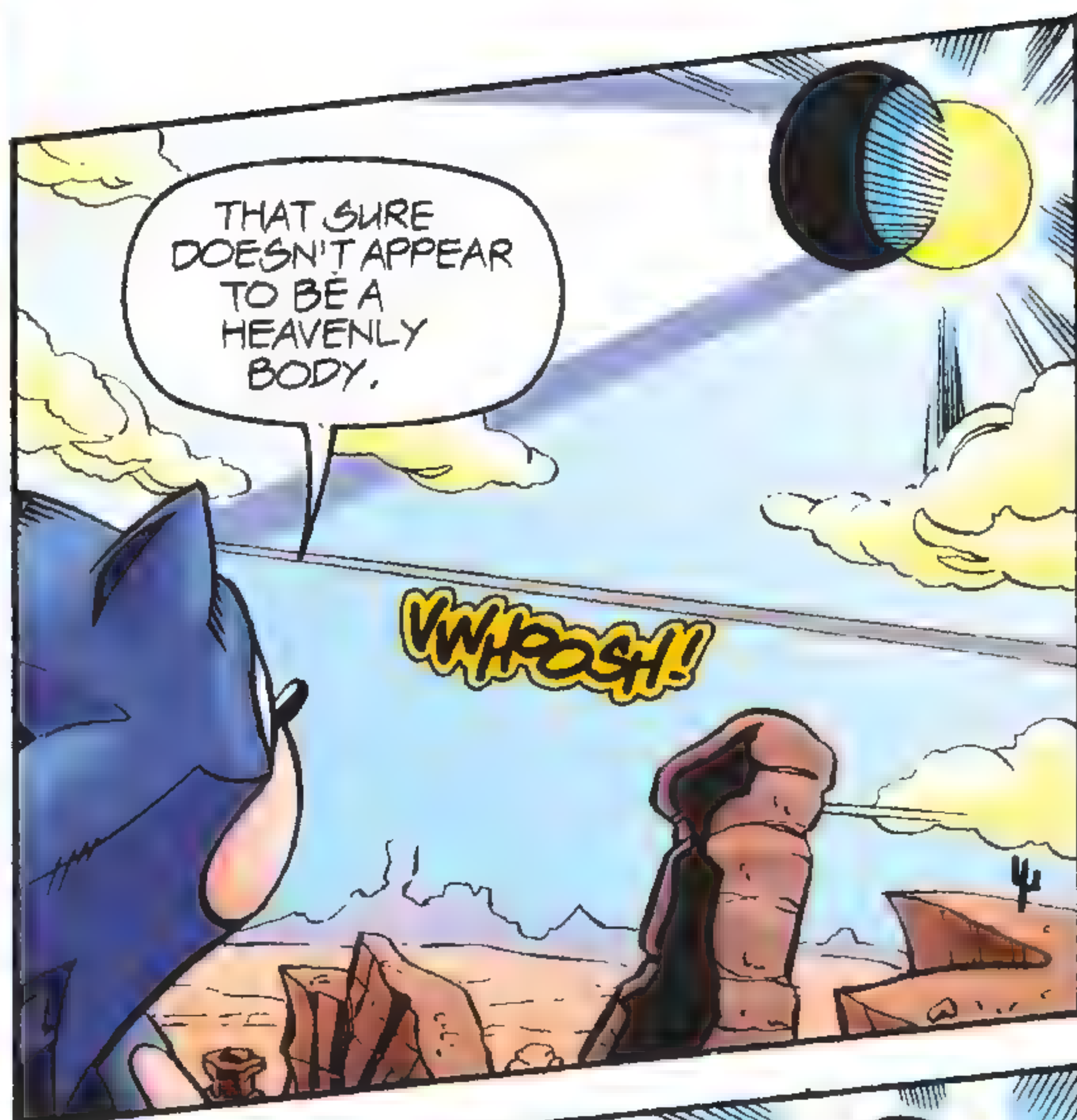
I OUGHT TO BE ABLE
TO SPOT CARL CONDOR
FROM THIS OUTCROPPING...
UNLESS OL' EAGLE EYES
SPOTS ME FIRST!

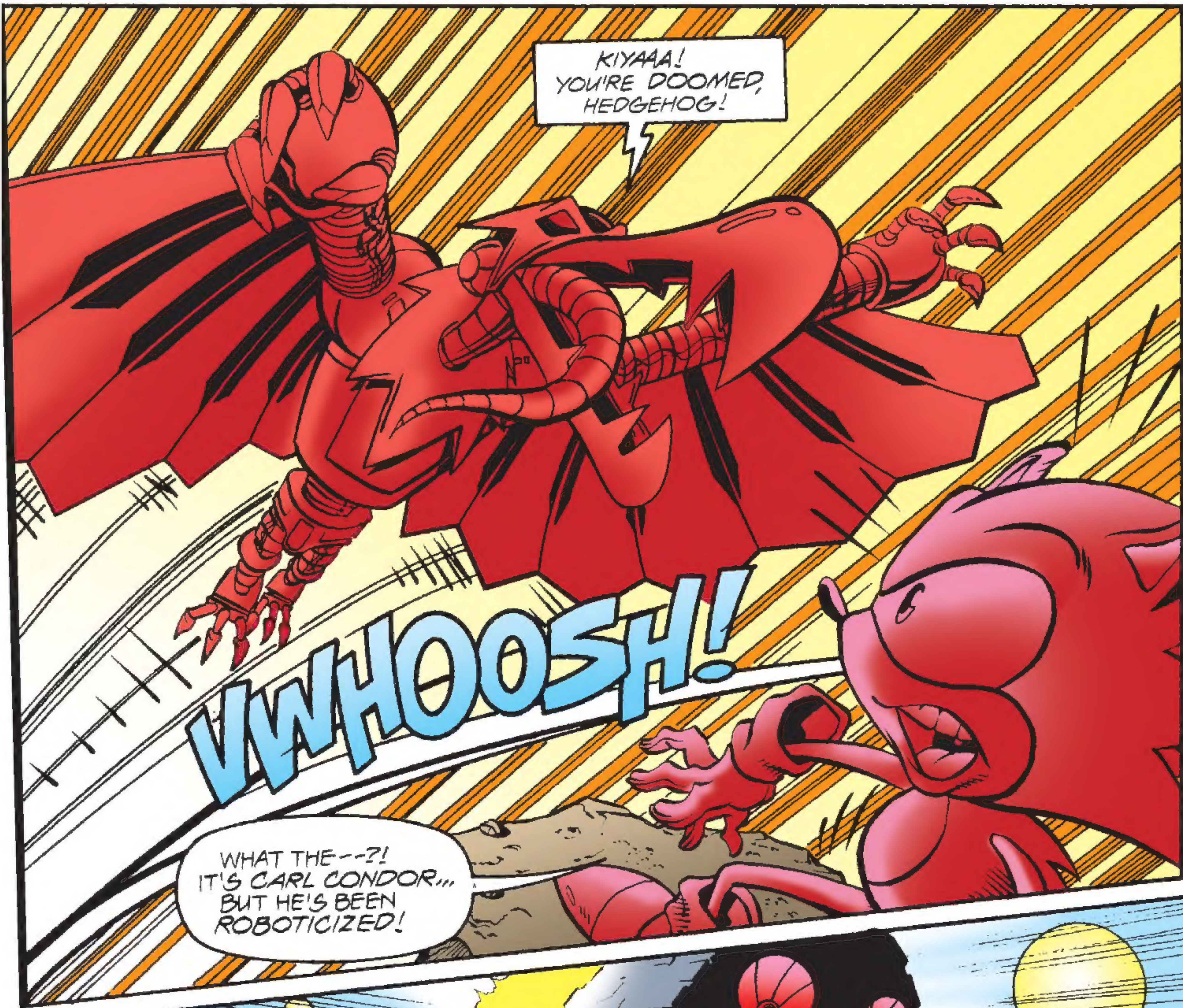
HELLO!

SCREEECH!

HELLO
HELLO
HELLO

OWW--WHAT'S
WITH THE SUN? I
DIDN'T KNOW WE
WERE DUE FOR
A SOLAR
ECLIPSE!

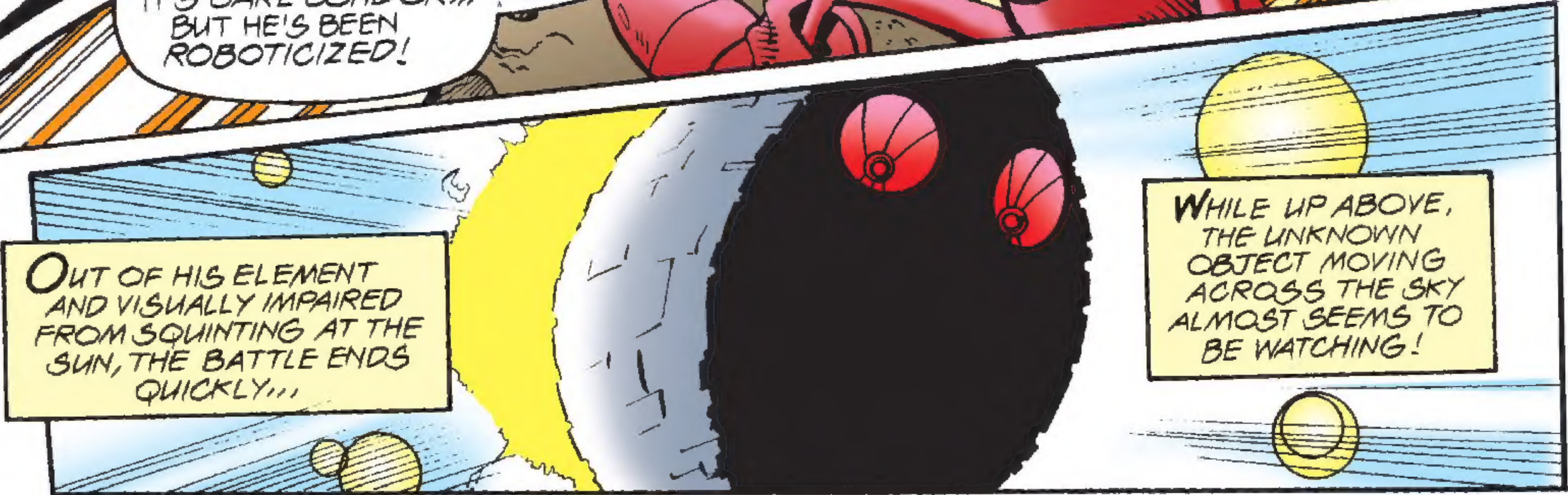




KIYAAA!
YOU'RE DOOMED,
HEDGEHOG!

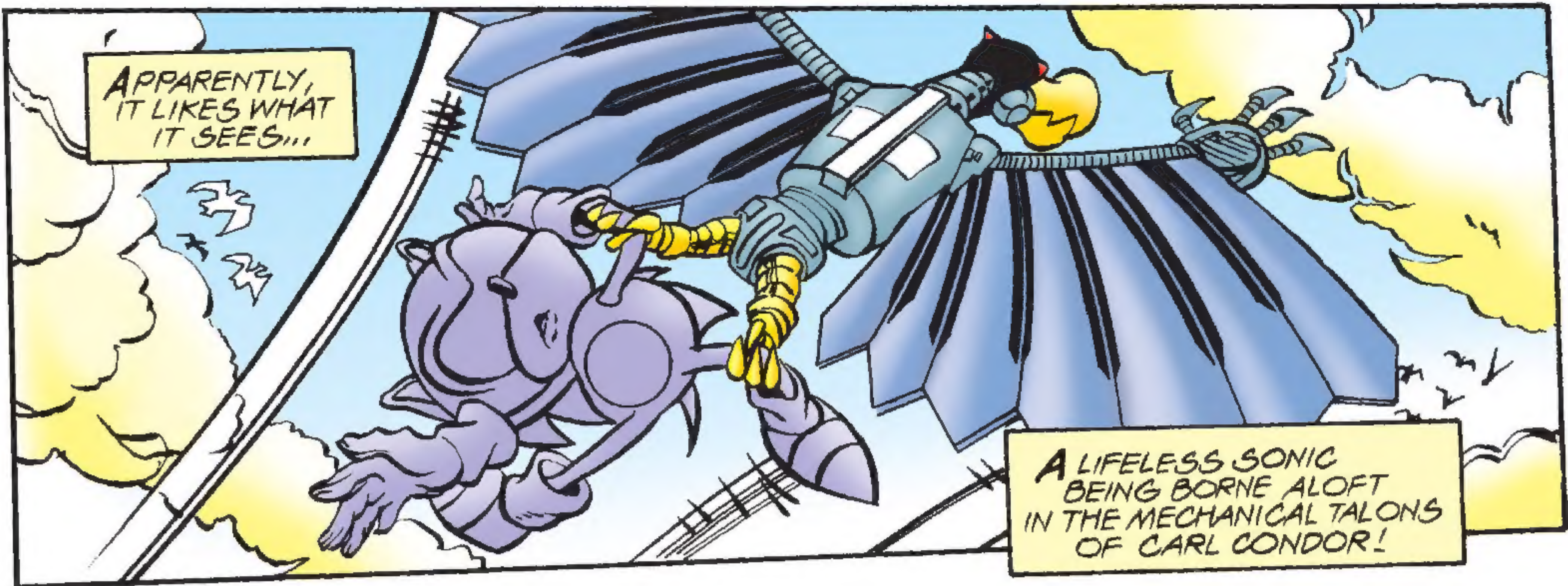
VVHOOOSH!

WHAT THE--?!
IT'S CARL CONDOR...
BUT HE'S BEEN
ROBOTICIZED!



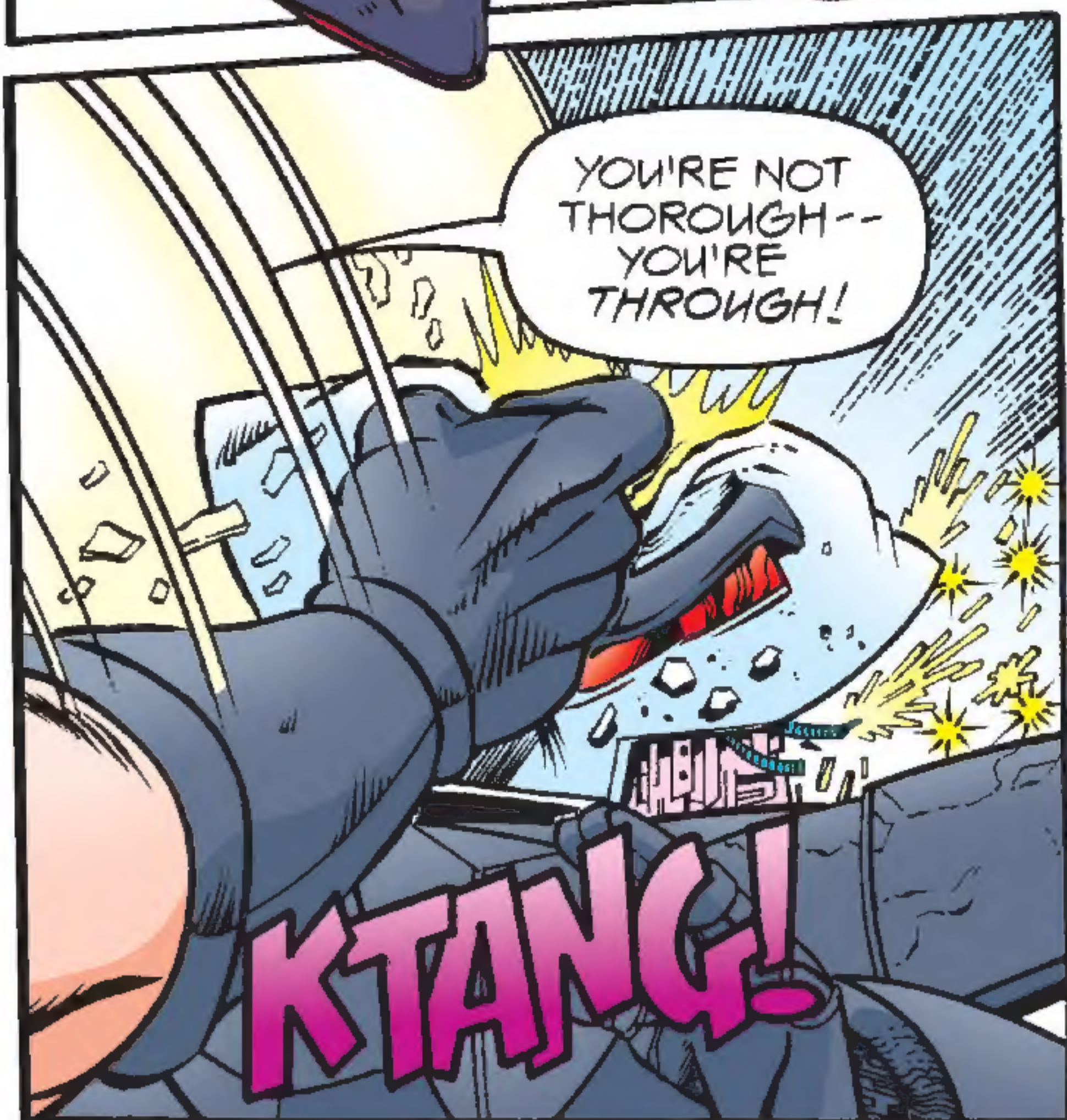
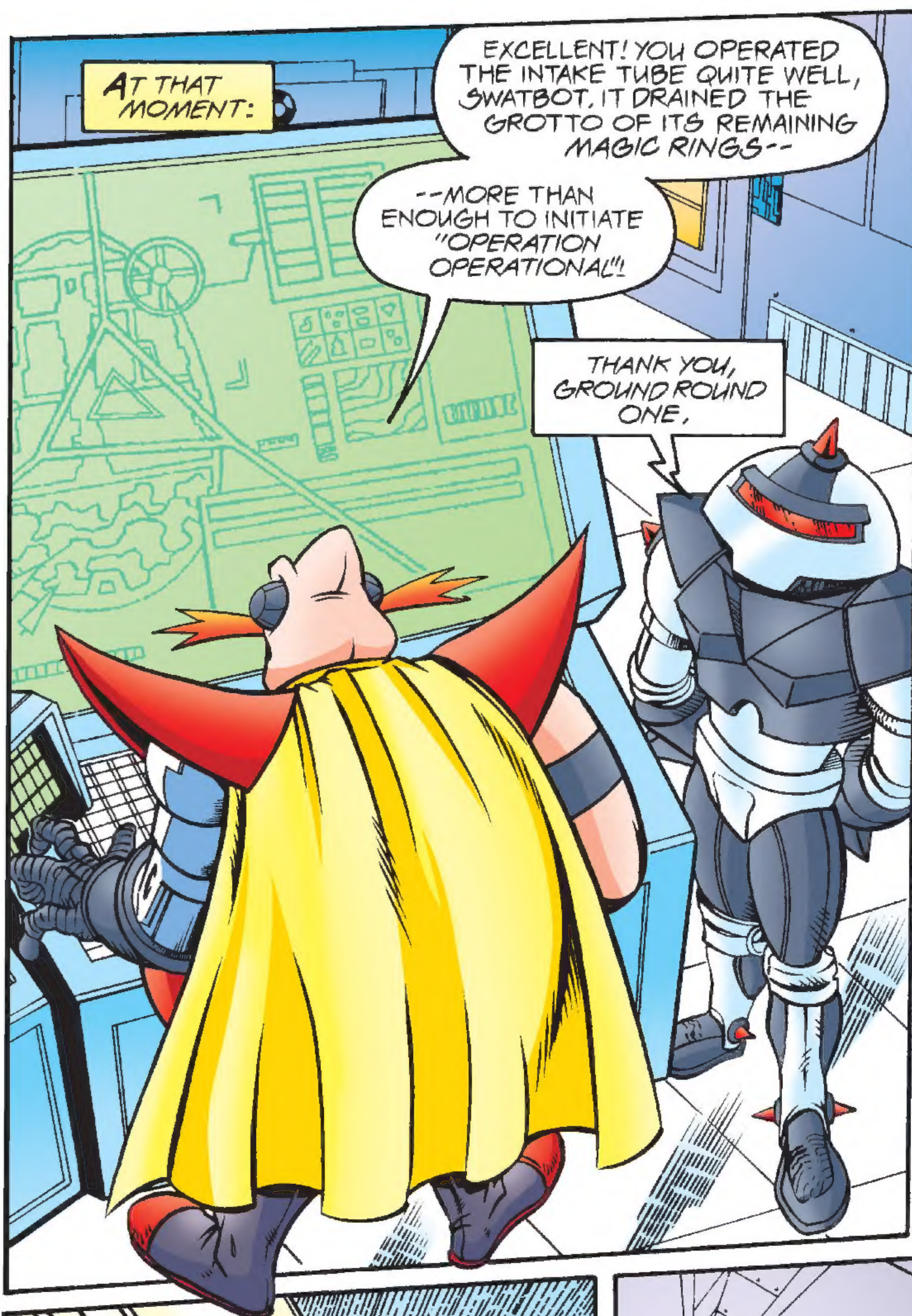
OUT OF HIS ELEMENT
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
FROM SQUINTING AT THE
SUN, THE BATTLE ENDS
QUICKLY...

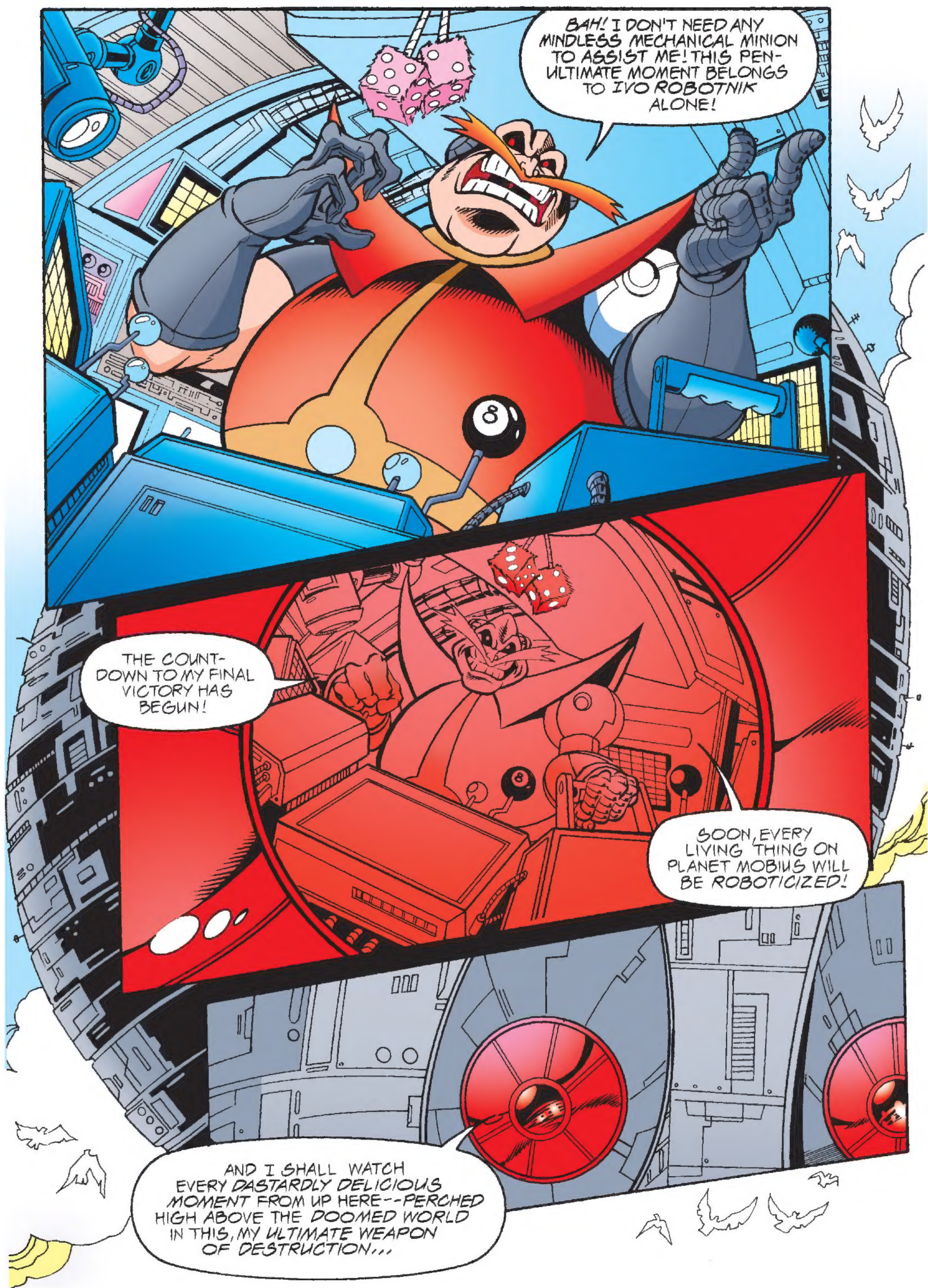
WHILE UP ABOVE,
THE UNKNOWN
OBJECT MOVING
ACROSS THE SKY
ALMOST SEEMS TO
BE WATCHING!



APPARENTLY,
IT LIKES WHAT
IT SEES...

A LIFELESS SONIC
BEING BORNE ALOFT
IN THE MECHANICAL TALONS
OF CARL CONDOR!





BAH! I DON'T NEED ANY
MINDLESS MECHANICAL MINION
TO ASSIST ME! THIS PEN-
ULTIMATE MOMENT BELONGS
TO IVO ROBOTNIK
ALONE!

THE COUNT-
DOWN TO MY FINAL
VICTORY HAS
BEGUN!

SOON, EVERY
LIVING THING ON
PLANET MOBIUS WILL
BE ROBOTICIZED!

AND I SHALL WATCH
EVERY DASTARDLY DELICIOUS
MOMENT FROM UP HERE---PERCHED
HIGH ABOVE THE DOOMED WORLD
IN THIS, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON
OF DESTRUCTION...

